

**A Proclamation**  
**By**  
**Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, two years ago, on September 11, the United States was attacked on its own soil for the first time since World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the unfathomable attacks, Americans responded with compassion and loyalty to each other and a renewed sense of patriotism; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of the heroes of September 11 and those who continue to place their lives on the line for the safety of all Americans, the State of Mississippi will carry out the following acts of remembrance and honor:

- **request a moment of silence at precisely 7:46 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 2003, to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and**
- **encourage all Mississippians to give blood to honor those who died and those who continue to serve in the line of duty; and**
- **observe September 11, 2003 as Patriot Day as proclaimed by President George W. Bush in honor of the victims of September 11, 2001.**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim a period of official remembrance in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction beginning at sunrise on September 11, 2003, and ending at sunset on September 11, 2003.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the two hundred and twenty-seventh year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**GOVERNOR**

**BY THE GOVERNOR**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**